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In re Application of :)
Shenoy et al.)
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CIRCUIT ADAPTIVE TO NETLIST)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 1999, for the above captioned patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, lines 13-16, please delete, "whereby the synthesis and rough placement functions are combined into an integrated framework. With the present